

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please cancel claims 1-8 and add new claims 9-17 in accordance with the following:

1-8 (cancelled)

9. (New) A method for retrieving a Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) message, the method being executed at an MMS User Agent, the method comprising:

generating an MMS subscription request;

sending said MMS subscription request to an MMS server using a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) method SUBSCRIBE;

receiving an MMS notification of the MMS message from the MMS server using a SIP method NOTIFY;

in response to receiving said MMS notification, generating an MMS message retrieval request for retrieving said MMS message;

sending said MMS message retrieval request to the MMS Server using a SIP method FETCH;

receiving an MMS message retrieval comprising said MMS message; and

in response to receiving said MMS message retrieval from the MMS Server, sending an acknowledgment to the MMS Server using a SIP method INFORM.

10. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein each of said MMS subscription request, said MMS notification, said MMS message retrieval request, and said acknowledgment include an MMS specific header field, and the specific header fields are sent or received as attachments.

11. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein each of said MMS subscription request, said MMS notification, said MMS message retrieval request, and said acknowledgment contain an MMS specific header field, and

the MMS specific header fields are sent or received in SIP header fields.

12. (New) A terminal comprising means adapted to carry out the method of claim 9.

13. (New) The method for delivering a Multimedia Messaging Service message (MMS), the method being executed at an MMS Server, the method comprising:

receiving an MMS subscription request from a terminal using a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) method SUBSCRIBE;

receiving the MMS message;

in response to receiving said MMS message, generating an MMS notification, and sending said MMS notification to the terminal using a SIP method NOTIFY;

receiving an MMS message retrieval request from the terminal using a SIP method FETCH, the MMS message retrieval request requesting the MMS message;

in response to receiving said MMS message retrieval request, generating an MMS message retrieval comprising the MMS message, and sending said MMS message retrieval to the terminal; and

receiving an acknowledgment from the terminal using a SIP method INFORM.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein

each of said MMS subscription request, said MMS notification, said MMS message retrieval request, and said acknowledgment include an MMS specific header field, and the specific header fields are received or sent as attachments.

15. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein

each of said MMS subscription request, said MMS notification, said MMS message retrieval request, and said acknowledgment include an MMS specific header field, and the MMS specific header fields are received or sent in SIP header fields.

16. (New) An MMS server comprising means adapted to carry out the method steps of claim 13.

17. (New) A terminal to retrieve a Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) message, the terminal comprising:

a processor to generate an MMS subscription request;

a transceiver to:

- send said MMS subscription request to an MMS server using a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) method SUBSCRIBE; and

- receiving an MMS notification of the MMS message from the MMS server using a SIP method NOTIFY; wherein

in response to receiving said MMS notification, the processor generate an MMS message retrieval request for retrieving said MMS message;

the transceiver:

- sends said MMS message retrieval request to the MMS Server using a SIP method FETCH;

- receives an MMS message retrieval comprising said MMS message; and

in response to receiving said MMS message retrieval from the MMS Server, sends an acknowledgment to the MMS Server using a SIP method INFORM.